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IN REPLY PLEASE

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT THE BUS STOP SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR
SOLAR LIGHT POLE INSTALLATION AT BUS STOPS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept the Bus Stop Safety Improvement Program Grant from Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority in the amount of \$182,380 for the installation of 148 stand-alone, solar light poles at various nonilluminated Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority bus stops.
2. Approve an exception to the County's Grant Policy, and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to conduct business with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority on any and all matters related to this grant including executing the grant Memorandum of Understanding and signing the requests for disbursement.
3. Find that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority Solar Light Poles project to install solar-powered lights and transit information kiosks at 148 existing bus stops in various unincorporated County areas is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved guidelines to be followed prior to the acceptance by the County of State and Federal grants of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that County departments prepare a Grant Management Statement for your review prior to the department carrying out the activities covered under the grant. Accordingly, the Grant Management Statement for this grant has been enclosed for your review.

The County's Grant Policy requires that your Board accept and approve this grant. We are requesting your Board to approve an exception to the County's Grant Policy by authorizing the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to take any necessary actions in furtherance of the Bus Stop Safety Improvement Program Grant including executing the grant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and signing the requests for disbursement.

On January 28, 2003, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) notified the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works that it was awarded \$182,380 under the Bus Stop Safety Improvement Program. The purpose of this project is to provide Los Angeles County with funds to improve security and safety at bus stops by installing stand-alone, solar light poles at nonilluminated bus stop shelters within the unincorporated areas of the County.

Acceptance by the County of this transportation grant from MTA will provide revenue to enhance the security and safety at bus stops in the unincorporated areas of each Supervisorial District.

We have determined that the use of solar-power technology to illuminate bus stops will be more cost-effective than direct electrical power since it will eliminate the need for trenching, connection fees to existing power lines, and the regular monthly utility fees. It will also lessen our dependability on electrical energy resources.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Fiscal Responsibility and Children and Families Well-Being. Utilizing grant funding to maximize improvements to public infrastructure will strengthen the County's fiscal capacity. Children and Families Well-Being will be improved by enhancing the safety and security of pedestrian community at bus stops.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Your Board's action will have no fiscal impact on net County cost. The total project cost is estimated to be \$544,325. We will receive \$182,380 reimbursement through the Bus Stop Safety Improvement Program Grant from MTA. The remaining project cost of \$361,945 is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Proposition A Local Return Transit Enterprise Fund, which will be financed by \$197,500 from the First Supervisorial District's share of this Fund, \$126,145 from the Second Supervisorial District's share, \$5,300 from the Third Supervisorial District's share, \$12,000 from the Fourth Supervisorial District's share, and \$21,000 from the Fifth Supervisorial District's share.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Grant Management Statement has been prepared using the guidelines established by the Chief Administrative Officer and adopted by your Board.

Accepting the grant and delegating authority to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to conduct business with MTA on issues pursuant to this grant will streamline the project delivery process. Your action will permit the Bus Stop Safety Improvement Program Grant MOU to be executed by the Director or his designee.

The Bus Stop Safety Improvement Program MOU will authorize the County to accept the grant amount of \$182,380 from MTA for the installation of 148 stand-alone, solar light poles at MTA bus stops, in which 68 units will be installed in the First Supervisorial District, 48 units in the Second Supervisorial District, 4 units in the Third Supervisorial District, 9 units in the Fourth Supervisorial District, and 19 units in the Fifth Supervisorial District. This MOU has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their action. This project, which involves the installation of 148 stand-alone, solar light poles at various MTA bus stops, qualifies for a categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)


There will be no negative impact on current services.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,


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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (James de la Loza)

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: Public Works		
Grant Project Title and Description Install Solar-powered Light Pole-MTA Grant		
Install 148 stand-alone, solar light poles at bus stops throughout the unincorporated County areas.		
Funding Agency MTA	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #) N/A	Grant Acceptance Deadline 6/30/2003
Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$182,380		County Match: \$361,945
Grant Period: 17 months	Begin Date: 1/28/2003	End Date: 6/30/2004
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0	Full Time: 0	Part Time: 0
<u>Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires</u>		
Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Impact of additional personnel on existing space:		
None		
Other requirements not mentioned above:		

Department Head Signature Donald C. Wolfe

Date: 12/30/03